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Age: 65

Born: Newark, NJ

Lived at: 63 Hobson St(until age 10)

I had a "magical" Childhood there!! My best friend and I were 5 and 6 years old. We had the "freedom" to play outside, "all day," until the sun went down!! Our Parents didn't have a lot of money for toys.... so we used our imaginations to entertain ourselves.

My Grandfather liked to go to any bar in walking distance(Abe's , and 2 other Bars) He would take my Sister and I. I absolutely "LOVED" going to these bars with him!!! He would buy us soda and pretzels. He gave us money for the pistachio machine and the Jukebox. It was fun seeing those red pistachios come down into my hand. There were 2 songs that I loved hearing on that Jukebox. "Walk Right In" by The Rooftop Singers, and "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy, Days of Summer" by Nat King Cole. It was the first time hearing real Music!!! Not children's music like "Row, Row, Row, Your Boat!!"

My Dad also was a "huge" musical influence on me! He played a lot of records in the house. Like Chuck Berry, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bill Haley & The Comets, amongst others.

When I was out of High School, I taught myself how to play the Guitar. I formed an All Girl Rock Band, called The Catholic Girls. In 1982, we got signed to MCA Records in Los Angeles, Ca. I am proud, that were the first All Girl Rock Band in New Jersey, to get signed to a Major Record Label..... that played our own instruments!

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During this covid19, I was "grateful," to be able to continue working, when so many People are not!! Fedex Express is an essential business. We are required to wear some type of Face Mask and Surgical Gloves while working.

Everyday, we are delivering package after package, of Hospital supplies, besides our usual packages. I see the description on the outside of these packages.(Surgical Gloves, Hospital Gowns, Masks,ect)

A few of my Co-Workers have gotten the corona virus and recovered. I was saddened to hear, that two of my Co-Workers have died, that I knew personally.

Working with this virus going around. I try to protect myself as much as possible. I wash my Surgical Gloves, with soap and water throughout the day, as well as my hands. I wipe my Mask with Alcohol Wipes or Soap throughout the day. Before I leave work, I wipe down all of my clothing, shoes, bag, coat,

water bottle, with a soapy paper towel. And brush my hair. All to wipe off the virus if it is on me. When I get home, I turn on the air purifier, to catch any lingering virus on me.

In my lifetime, this covid19, is something, that I never expected to experience! The whole World is in a lockdown! People are prisoners in their Homes, and only allowed to go out, to get Groceries, Gas, Pharmaceuticals, and Food. Everyone has a curfew, to be in their homes, by 8:00pm.

Questions for residents to keep in mind: What has surprised you most as this quarantine has unfolded? What is your biggest fear? What is an unexpected, positive impact of the quarantine? What is the most difficult part of the quarantine? What are your hopes for the future when this is all over?

Answers to the above questions:

1. How empty the Highways are! Everyone is not working and staying home. It is so nice to not sit in commuter bumper to bumper traffic! I make it to work in 40 minutes, instead of 80 minutes!

2. That our Food and Water Supply, gets to the point, that People will harm each other to steal yours! We don't have enough Workers to harvest our vegetables, process water, or fish, chicken, and beef.

3. The Air is so much cleaner!! Mother Earth is smiling now. Also, Neighbors are helping others, by shopping for them.

4. Wearing the Mask while working. It's like running a Marathon with a mask on. I can't breathe, my glasses fog up, and then I can't see.

And not being able to get Paper Towels, Soft Soap, and now food items like Broccoli and more are not available every week or two.

5. That People are more responsible, on a daily basis. Meaning, to continue to practice cleanliness. And, if they are sick with a Cold, Bronchitis, Flu, or Pneumonia, to PLEASE wear a Mask if being around People!!!

To "still" have a choice, of what I want to put in my Body. And to choose if I "don't" want a Vaccine!! In other words..... to still have "the freedom," of living in New Jersey USA, and to live the way, that I want to live!!

Have a “great” day!!

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